

**Remarks/Arguments**

In the specification, the second full paragraph on page 5 has been amended to correct minor editorial problems. Original claims 2 to 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Original claims 8-22 are objected to as to form and original claims 1-15 are rejected. Original claims 16-22 are allowed. New claim 7 has been added. Original claims 1 and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

**Applicant's Response to Objections to Claims**

Claims 1 to 22 are in the application, including newly added claim 7, which was inadvertently omitted previously. The Examiner had objected to claims 8 to 22 as being mis-numbered. The mis-numbering has been corrected by addition of claim 7. The objection is moot in light of this correction. The original claim numbers as used in the Listing of Claims are now correct and will be referred to in this Response.

**Applicant's Response to Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph**

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claim 13 has been amended to provide antecedent basis. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the above.

**Applicant's Response to Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1 and 11-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,580,029 to Bing. In an effort to advance prosecution, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 2. In light of this amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 1, and independent claims 11-12 which depend therefrom, has been overcome. Reconsideration of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

**Applicant's Response to Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 7-10 and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bing. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to claim 1, which includes the

limitations of allowable claim 2, addresses this rejection as well. Namely, Bing fails to disclose, teach or even suggest the presence of a glide bar supported by a sidewall of a conduit body. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 7-10 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) has been overcome, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

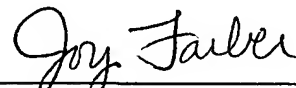
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's notification of allowable subject matter in claims 2 to 6. All objections as to form have been addressed. Furthermore, Applicant gratefully acknowledges allowance of claims 16 to 22.

The application is now deemed to be in proper form and in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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